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TAGS: TPHY, OSCI, TBIO, CA

SUBJECT: SWINE FLU VACCINE

REF: OTTAWA 1577

1. A RECENT DEVELOPMENT HAS EMPHASIZED TO EMBASSY THE
DESIREABILITY OF OBTAINING PROMPT GUIDANCE ON AVAILABILITY OF
SWINE FLU VACCINE AS REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 REFTEL.

2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR ON
APRIL 26, BIOMEDICAL PERSONNEL STATED THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD
USG HAS EMBARGO AGAINST EXPORT OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
WHICH WOULD PERMIT CANADA TO SET UP SWINE FLU VACCINE
PRODUCTION. SCICOUNSELOR CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT ANY
EMBARGO EXISTS.

COMMENT: CONCEPT THAT USG IS SOMEHOW LIMITING CANADIAN
CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE VACCINE HAD SURFACED FEW WEEKS
AGO AS A VAGUE RUMOR. AT THAT TIME, AFTER CHECKING WITH
DEPARTMENT, SCICOUNSELOR WAS ABLE TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT.
HOWEVER, LACK
OF DEFINITIVE USG POSITION ON FLU
VACCINE SUPPLY HAS OBVIOUSLY FUELED RUMORS WHICH CAN
ONLY BE HARMFUL AND LEAD TO FURTHER MISCONCEPTIONS.
ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS REPLY TO REFTEL.
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